(b) the number of workers rendered unemployed thereby;

(c) whether they were paid their outstanding wages and other statutory dues and compensation as a result of the closure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) As per available information, 5 PSUs namely Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Ltd., Cycle Corporation of India Ltd., Bharat Process and Mechanical Engineers Ltd., National Bicycle Corporation of India Ltd., and Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Ltd., under the administrative control of the Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, have been closed during 2001 -2002 and 2002-2003. As on 31.3.2001, there were 3149 employees in these PSUs. There is no outstanding dues of salaries/wages and other statutory dues in these companies.

Agreements between BHEL and Oil Companies

1267. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) is targeting business in oil sector and contemplating to enter operation and maintenance OT power plants;

(b) if so, the details of the agreements entered into with oil concerns and the amount of business they are likely to get from these concerns in the next few years;

(c) whether the company has supplied oil rigs to various oil companies across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how many gas turbines the company has, so far, supplied both to domestic and foreign concerns with profit earned out of that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BHEL and ONGC have signed a MOU for refurbishment of Oil Rigs. A business of about Rs. 250 crore per year is expected in this area in the next 2 to 3 years;

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. BHEL has supplied 52 Drilling Rigs, 13 Work over Rigs and 5 Mobile Rigs to ONGC and 10 Drilling Rigs and 4 Work over Rigs to Oil India Ltd.

(e) A total of 134 gas turbines have been supplied by the company to various customers within the country and abroad till date with profit earned.

News-Item "Privatised Company in dire straits"

1268. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Privatised Company in dire straits" which appeared in The times of India, dated 22nd June, 2002 regarding Lagan Jute Machinery Company where Government have still a share of 26 per cent after disinvestment;

(b) if so, whether the company still faces threat of closure as reported; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the present viability of the Company after disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Lagan Jute Machinery Co. Ltd. (LJMC) was disinvested in June, 2000. Initially the company faced some threat from the import of second hand machineries and there was a fear that the working of LJMC will be affected adversely. However, the company has managed to tide over the situation and its financial performance has improved substantially since disinvestment. The production of machine in LJMC has gone up to 79 during the financial year ending March, 2002 as compared to 48 in the previous financial year. Similarly sales turn over has also increased to